

Subject: U.S. 1804 dollar -- pedigrees of.

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SCHENECTADY, N. Y., U.S.A.

Secretary

American Numismatic Society

Dear Sir:

I am completing a historical treatise on the 1804 silver dollar with hopes of future publication, and would be greatly indebted to you if you could possibly supply the answers to the following two questions.

First, as to whether you can complete down to the present time, the enclosed list of owners, both present and previous, of 1804 silver dollars. The information in the third column I don't consider so important so it will not be missed if you can't supply it.

Second, of the ten specimens struck off without authority in 1871 I find one was purchased by an English collector who refused to part with it according to a statement made in 1883; what I want to know is if this coin eventually returned to the United States, the date if so, and by whom purchased?

Assuring you any attention you can give this will be greatly appreciated, and wishing success to you and the Organization, I remain,

Sincerely yours

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Dear Sir:

I have never followed very closely the pedigrees of the 1804 dollar as I never believed in them. I have made one or two notes on your list. Other than this I do not know where any of the pieces now are.

If my memory serves me right, there was another specimen known as the Idler copy. Whether this was of the original or one made in the seventies, I can not now say.

Very truly yours,

Curator